

## The Independent.

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## Local Department.

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## County Seat.

We had hoped that the canvass on the County Seat question would be conducted on fair and open principles, and according to the merits of the case. But we fear this will not be done. It seems that purely selfish consideration outweigh every thing else in the minds of some persons, and any means or any kind of promises are resorted to in order to secure an end.

What will the honest portion of the citizens of the County think of a deliberate plan to deceive—to say to one class of citizens, we will oppose the change of county lines and never consent to the surrender of one inch of territory; and to another class promise with equal assurance that the county shall be divided, cut up into two counties, with a county seat in each end. To one portion of the citizens that a portion of Douglas shall be secured to the southern part of this county, and to another, that a part of the southern portion of the county shall be given to Douglas. Yet these vain and visionary promises are made. True, they are like Satan's offer of the kingdoms and glory of this world to Christ if he would worship him, when the "poor devil" had "no foot of earth to call his own;" but still they are made; and this very fact is evidence to demonstration that the parties making the promises have no good ground upon which to base their pretensions or they would not resort to such tricks.

We ask the honest and candid men of the county every where to look at this matter calmly. It is not simply a question of county seat alone, but it is a question of county existence. We honestly believe that no change in the seat of justice can be made that will benefit the county; and we believe as fully that this is the honest conviction of every dispassionate citizen of the county. This is not a matter to be determined by passion or prejudice. If this is not the best point for the county seat we will gladly hear any arguments going to prove the fact and to point out a better place. We desire that which is best for the whole county. Here we stand. Our county is a noble one, we do not wish to see it dismembered. Every taxpayer is interested in this matter, and will be for all time to come, if they remain citizens of the county. They should act accordingly. If it is not for the interest of the taxpayers to have the county dismembered, let them rebuke the spirit which sows the seed to produce that kind of fruit; nor when sown in good or bad faith it will produce results that will inevitably be evil. Besides, promises of a different character are made with the intention to deceive one party or the other. What would be thought of a man who would act thus in the ordinary business of life? He would be scouted from society. It is just as bad for a class of men to act upon this principle as for an individual; and we ask the sober minded voters of the county everywhere to consider this matter well.

We make this proposition. That what is for the best interest of the county as a whole is best for every part. If, then, a citizen believes that a certain policy will not be for the best interest of the whole county, and yet gives his influence to that policy, he is that far not true to his country, and, consequently, is just that far a traitor; for he who is not true to his country is of necessity a traitor. It is the bounden duty of every citizen to do the very best he can for his country in all cases. He who suffers either passion or prejudice to swerve him from that duty and judgment dictate, is false to himself and to his country. He who is unfaithful in little will be unfaithful in much; and it is by little acts that men make up the sum of their lives, and we like to see men act from principle all the time, and in every occurrence.

We think the present move a very unfortunate one in many respects, and ill-timed in a high degree. We fear the result will be to sow dissensions when of all things we need harmony. We did not intend to say any thing on the subject in our columns, but for the purpose of inducing the sober, thinking portion of the voters to look at the matter calmly and to act as becomes their true interest, we have said this much as a matter of duty. We believe there are men in all parts of the county who can rise above prejudice and take a broad view of matters, and we direct the attention of such to the candid deliberation of the question in its real merits. Certainly this thing of proposing to di-

vied the county is not what our citizens in general want. The starting of that question in itself is unfortunate, for it must produce some kind of result, and it is plain that germs of discord can never produce harmony—that division can never promote unity. Can he be a friend of the county who does this thing?

Since the foregoing was in type we have such information as leads us to believe that the action above spoken of is not set afoot or sustained by any respectable or responsible citizens of the county, but by self-constituted emissaries acting on their "own hook." We are pleased to learn this fact; for if ever there was a time when the substantial men of the county should act in concert, that time is now.

We have conversed with men from all parts of the county, and we have yet to find the first one who does not deprecate the fact that the local question was agitated at this time. It really seems to be a matter of almost universal regret. This is felt not to be the time for such action.

What we have said is worthy of the consideration of every citizen. As a county we must be united or we will suffer loss. It has been our constant aim to cultivate harmony and good will, and to advocate measures of interest to every portion of the county. We desire to act from motives of which we shall not be ashamed. We desire the best development of every locality in the county.

## Temperance Meeting.

We hope there will be a full house on next Wednesday evening, to complete the organization of the Temperance Society. The officers will be to elect, and addresses may be expected. Don't let the matter drag along, but come out and give it a hearty support and a good start.

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## Public School Fund.

MR. FLORENCE, Kansas, March 4th, '64. MR. EDITOR.—Please say to the people of Jefferson county, that the first semi-annual dividend of State School Fund for this county, for this year amounts to \$836.65, which with the sum on hand, \$193.04 the amount of the second semi-annual dividend for last year, reaches the round sum of \$1,029.70.

The amount of county fund now on hand will bring the sum to be distributed to the schools of this county this spring, to at least one dollar per scholar, so that the school districts entitled to a portion of this money can, by knowing the number of scholars reported to me last fall, as resident therein, ascertain the amount due them, and act accordingly.

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